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USCINCEUR FOR GENERAL NORSTAD, USCOB FOR GENERAL WATSON SCD FREEMAN.

REFERENCE: a. AMEMB BONN MSG TO STATE DEP (312) DTD 31 JUL 62.
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b. SX-3919 (LN 7404)

c. ECDC-9-09736 (LN 7617) *checked*

1, (S) During General Yakubovskiy's visit on 8-9 August, I do not intend to initiate any conversations on substantive matters, preferring to return his hospitality offered me at Wuensdorf in a dignified but, cordial atmosphere. However, as he did, I will offer him the opportunity to bring up any matters he desires. I anticipate that he might raise the question of his 25 July protest to me on air corridor incidents, which could lead to a discussion on commandants' relations. In addition, the subject of autobahn procedures might be broached by him.

2. (S) If General Yakubovskiy does bring up these matters in a manner to which I must respond I propose to take the following position:

a. Air corridor protest of 25 July:

(1) Indicate that this is a matter for discussion by the commandants.

(2) Turn the discussion to that of the normalization of commandants' relations.

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b. Commandant relations:

(1) Acknowledge that a return to normal relations has mutual advantages.

(2) In light of Marshall Koniev's comments to General Clarke and subsequent POLAD meetings, it is hard to understand why General Solovyev came to meeting on 17 May without instructions or authorization necessary to resolve the central issues of the normalization of relationships between commandants.

(3) Indicate that General Watson and US POLAD are prepared to discuss this matter and all other appropriate ones with General Solovvey and his POLAD.

(4) If pressed on the subject and unable to avoid a reply, point out that the commandant has political functions beyond the scope of my authority and responsibility and that in these matters he receives his guidance through political rather than military channels. I would take this action only if I consider it necessary to affirm or deny categorically the propriety of discussing such matters as CINC GSEF'S recent protest at the CMC level. I feel it desirable that the action be avoided, if possible, since we have not yet clearly established on what matters the CMC relationship could be used to our advantage.

c. Autobahn procedures:

(1) State that US objects categorically to any unilateral Soviet attempts to impose procedures.

(2) Suggest that further discussion on this subject be carried on at the commandant level.

3. (S) Suggestion of reference a to preface refusal to be led into discussion of substantive details with a general statement that information available indicates that Soviet charges of protest of 25 July are unfounded has been considered.

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While this suggestion has the advantage of rebutting Soviet charges, it might be interpreted by the Soviets as a partial acceptance of their introduction of this matter at the CINC level.

4. (U) In matters other than the above, I propose to proceed in accordance with appropriate parts of reference B. as modified by reference C.

5. (S) Request your approval of the positions outlined in paragraph b. above. SCP-4.

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